

## **FY 2006 Report to the Hawaii State Legislature**

Homeless Programs Branch  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
Department of Human Services

### **Core Mission of the State Homeless Programs:**

To comprehensively address the needs of the homeless in Hawaii and to provide the opportunity for homeless persons to help themselves achieve improved living situations.

The following report is submitted as required by Section 39 of HB 100, HD1, SD 1 – Relating to the State Budget.

In addition to an increase in the budget for Homeless Programs (HMS 224) in the amount of \$1,650,000 for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, the Department of Human Services is required to submit a report to the legislature consisting of the following:

- **Identify the number of homeless persons assisted in the prior two fiscal years and the number of individuals anticipated to be assisted in the current and succeeding fiscal year.**

FY 2004-2005: 14,385 homeless persons were served

FY 2005-2006: 15,563 homeless persons were served

FY 2006-2007: 16,500 homeless persons are projected to be served

FY 2007-2008: 18,000 homeless persons are projected to be served

- **Provide a full list of homeless services rendered.**

Shelter services:

- Provide emergency and/or transitional shelter to stabilize the homeless and offer them a safe place to reassess and take control of their living situation.
- Provide empowerment and case management to enable families to obtain and retain permanent housing, economic independence, and self-sufficiency for the long-term.
- Provide services to homeless individuals and families including adequate meals or cooking facilities; client assessment/social services planning; case management; job training; medical and social services referrals; childcare; educational and life skills classes; and monitoring and follow-up after transitioning to permanent housing.

Outreach services:

- Provide intake and referral and other needed services to eligible unsheltered homeless persons to assist in the progression toward a healthier, more stable living condition with the ultimate goal of permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
- Address participants' basic survival needs, i.e. basic medical care, food, clothing, identification, shelter (as best as possible) and help identify the causes of their homelessness and barriers to achieving a more stable living condition.
- Provide counseling and referral, including assisting participants in addressing identified needs and barriers, and facilitating referrals to local, state and federal programs and private sector agencies for further services, such as emergency or transitional shelter, employment training, mental health services or educational training.

#### Grant Program services

- Make available to eligible homeless families and individuals monetary assistance to prevent, avoid, or remedy homelessness and its associated dangers.
- Assist homeless persons with housing, food, medical and other types of expenses arising from emergency needs, including shelter/housing rental deposit and rent; utility costs/deposit, and transient shelter needs such as blankets.
- Provide shelter/housing costs to avert imminent eviction.
- Provide food, including food preparation, equipment and supplies, or eating utensils and supplies, including transient shelter needs such as portable stoves and fuel. Food costs also include needed special diet supplements and food on an emergency basis while working with the family to find more long-term solutions;
- Facilitate medical care or medicine, including emergency medical related expenses or purchase of supplies for special medical needs;
- Provide transportation and job-hunting expenses or expenses involved with getting qualification documentation for public assistance programs. Transportation costs may include bus passes or car repair expenses in emergency situations;
- Provide for child and dependent care costs; and
- Assuage other emergency needs.
- Conduct follow-up with participants, including providing follow-up services and referrals to participants receiving grants within three to six months to ensure that a participant does not become homeless.

#### Housing Placement Services (TANF Funded)

- Cultivate and outreach to landlords to rent to homeless persons or Section-8 voucher holders.
- Provide for client assessment, linkage to appropriate landlords, and landlord/client intervention to assist with the transition into a rental unit.
- Provide first month's rent or rental deposit and additional damage guarantees, as needed.
- Provide counseling on becoming a responsible tenant, understanding the lease document, budgeting, and other life skills.

#### Shelter Plus Care (Federal Program)

- Provide housing placement with an ongoing rent subsidy for homeless persons with disabilities.
- Provide rental deposit and ongoing case management/mentoring to maintain stability in housing.

#### Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (Federal Program)

- Provide housing placement with an ongoing rent subsidy for homeless persons with a HIV/AIDS.
- Provide rental deposit and ongoing case management/mentoring to maintain stability in housing.

#### Supportive Housing Program (Federal Program)

- Provides supplementary funding for shelter operations and special programs which include job training, education to attain a GED, substance abuse counseling programs and help in transitioning to employment.

- **Identify the cost elements, fixed costs and the average expenditure per client.**

The cost elements for FY 2005-2006 are itemized in the attached grid, separated by the stipend, outreach and grant agencies that are contracted to serve the homeless.

The average expenditure per client was computed on the numbers served and the dollars allocated for FY 2005-2006. The total was broken down by program as follows:

- Outreach – \$129.11 per person
- Stipend (shelter program) – \$801.37 per person
- Grant - \$427.30 per person